

**How Mews & Merlot finds kittens**

- Most kittens come to Mews & Merlot as strays, many of them very ill or scared.
- Some kittens are shelter/rescue transfers if the organization is overwhelmed or does not have the resources to care for the kitten.
- We only accept owner surrenders if the kitten was previously adopted through Mews & Merlot (unless the kitten is special needs).

**How we decide which kittens to take in**

- As a foster-based rescue, space in the number one factor in determining if we can accept the kitten.
- We do not turn away kittens due to health status.
- While we mostly focusing on orphaned neonatal kittens and kittens with special needs, we occasionally will take in pregnant moms—if we have space.

**Intake steps for rescue transfer**

- Rescue/shelter contacts Mews & Merlot to check for availability.
- We complete and sign the Rescue Transfer Agreement.
- The kitten is moved into foster home and prepared for a vet check.

**Intake steps for owner surrender**

- Owner contacts Mews & Merlot to surrender the kitten
- Kitten is returned to a foster home and the owner completes an owner surrender form.
- Kitten is evaluated and prepared for a vet check.